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TREATING SURFACES WITH A PLASMA
GENERATED BY ELECTRON CYCLOTRON
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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued on February 21, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant provides the following amendments and remarks to place the application in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

With regard to the restriction requirement, Applicant confirms the election of Group I claims (methods of treating a tubular article). With regard to the election of species requirement, Applicant further confirms election of Group (ii) (a) (bioactive organic coatings). The non-elected claims, namely, claims 40-48, are canceled. The election of species, for reasons detailed below, is traversed. Claims 1, 18, 22, 23, 27, 28, and 33 are amended, claims 9, 20, 29, and 30 are canceled without prejudice, and new claims 49 and 50 are added. Hence, claims 1-8, 10-19, 21-39, and 49 and 50 are now pending for examination. Support for the amendments and the new claims can be found throughout the specification. Thus, no new matter is added. As